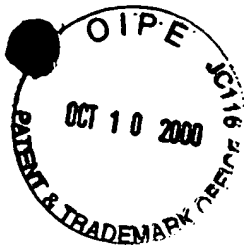


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 6, 2000, setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

Claims 1-51 are pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims of the application are respectfully requested, in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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|   | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid For | Extra Claims Present | Rate      | Additional Fee |
| Total Claims                            | 51                               | 51                                 | 0                    | X \$18.00 | 0.00           |
| Indep. Claims                           | 4                                | 4                                  | 0                    | X \$80.00 | 0.00           |
| Multiply Dependent Claims               |                                  |                                    |                      |           | \$ 0.00        |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT |                                  |                                    |                      |           | \$ 0.00        |

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